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Editorial.

THE DANGER OF UNPROFESSIONAL CONTROL TO NURSES .-- I.

MATTER of supreme importance to Nurses, but one upon which comparatively few have perhaps formed any opinion, and to which perhaps namy have devoted no thought, is the question of the control of their profession. The great reform which has been quietly proceeding during the past eight years in the Nursing world has indeed attracted a marvellously small amount of attention from those who are most deeply concerned; but events which are at present taking place render it necessary that they should devote some consideration to this subject.

The great majority of trained Nurses, if they were asked whether they desired to be regarded as members of a skilled, useful, and powerful profession, or whether they would be contented to be treated and regarded by the public on the level of domestic servants, would, without a moment's hesitation, reply that they of course would desire the former position. It would, moreover, occur to them forcibly, that as members of a recognised profession they would receive not only more public respect, but a much higher remuneration than they would obtain if they were looked upon as isolated workers. They would therefore be willing at once to agree that it would be for their individual benefit that they should be



